



House of Representatives

General Assembly

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House Bill No. 5120

House of Representatives, April 3, 2007

The Committee on Environment reported through REP. ROY, R. of the 119th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING BOW HUNTING ON PRIVATE LAND ON SUNDAY.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 26-73 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2007*):

3 (a) Sunday shall be a closed season except for the purpose of
4 trapping under the provisions of this chapter. The possession in the
5 open air on Sunday of any implement for hunting shall be prima facie
6 evidence of hunting in violation of the provisions of this section. No
7 provision of this section shall be construed so as to affect any provision
8 of section 26-31, 26-48, 26-52 or 27-35 or apply to the use of bow and
9 arrow for purposes other than hunting. Artificially propagated birds
10 designated by the commissioner may be shot on Sundays on licensed
11 private shooting preserves subject to such regulations of the
12 commissioner as may apply to such private shooting preserves,
13 provided permission so to shoot has been obtained from the town or
14 towns within which such licensed private shooting preserves are

15 located.

16 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section,
17 bow and arrow hunting on private land shall be allowed on Sunday
18 with the written permission of the owner of such land, provided such
19 bow and arrow hunting is approved by the Commissioner of
20 Environmental Protection as being for the purpose of wildlife
21 management.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

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| Section 1 | July 1, 2007 | 26-73 |
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ENV *Joint Favorable*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

| Agency Affected | Fund-Effect | FY 08 \$ | FY 09 \$ |
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| Department of Environmental Protection | Conservati - See Below | Potential Minimal | Potential Minimal |

Note: Conservati=Conservation Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

Allowing Sunday hunting with a bow and arrow, on private property, and with a permit could minimally increase revenue to the Conservation Fund of the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). The change is not anticipated to result in a measurable number of new permits being issued. The revenue impact is anticipated to be minimal. Allowing for the Sunday hunting would also result in a minimal workload increase for Conservation Officers due to the additional hunters. Conservation Officers currently work on Sundays.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.

OLR Bill Analysis**HB 5120*****AN ACT CONCERNING BOW HUNTING ON PRIVATE LAND ON SUNDAY.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill permits bow hunting on Sundays under certain conditions. Current law prohibits all Sunday hunting. The bill allows bow and arrow hunters to hunt on private property on Sundays, provided (1) the Department of Environmental Protection commissioner approves bow and arrow hunting for wildlife management purposes and (2) they have the property owner's written permission. But another law, which this bill does not change, specifically prohibits the commissioner from authorizing Sunday deer hunting for management purposes (CGS § 26-86a).

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2007

COMMITTEE ACTION

Environment Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 19 Nay 11 (03/19/2007)